

**TAKING TRAINING**  
Private First Class Elinor M. Reves is now attending the U. S. Army Air Force's weather observer's training school at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. The 18-year-old girl attended Torrance High School.

**... School Bond**  
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ed for additional class room, us age.  
Lack of steel sash is holding up the construction of the Perry School it was claimed. The "me lack of supplies is holding up the finishing of the Seaside School although it is expected that the unit will be completed by October 30.  
Plans for the service and administration unit were due to be sent to the state for approval yesterday.

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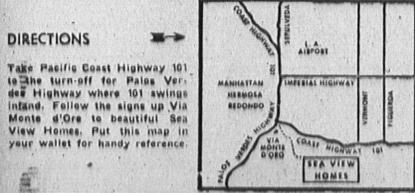
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**Blood Drive Spurred as Mayor Sherfey Proclaims Tomorrow to be Donor Day**

Tomorrow has been proclaimed Torrance Area Blood Donor Day. To add further impetus to the drive for blood donations, already started at Columbia Steel and being subscribed to by many Torrance service clubs, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr., signed an official proclamation setting aside August 5 as a special day for blood donations.



In his proclamation, Mayor Sherfey designated American Legion Hall at 1109 Border avenue, as the official donor station for the day. John Hanks, who heads the Columbia Steel Hospitalization Plan, will be in charge of the station.  
A Red Cross blood banking unit will be on hand, starting at 1 p.m.  
Emphasis for the need of whole blood was made by Hanks, who declared that modern methods employ whole blood instead of plasma.  
Each donor will receive a card indicating that he has given to the Red Cross bank. If the need for a transfusion should arise, the holder of the card merely has to present it to the hospital or to the doctor. Whole blood would then be made immediately available to the patient.  
Persons wishing to bank blood must be 21 years old but not older than 60 years and must weigh at least 110 pounds. Each donor will receive a physical examination before blood is taken, Hanks assured.

**Youth Taking Air ROTC Cadet Course**

Currently undergoing intensive training as an Air ROTC Cadet at Hamilton Air Force Base is Wallace F. Steinhilber son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Steinhilber, 1444 El Prado.  
Scheduled for six weeks, the camp training will indoctrinate the Cadets and train them as Administrative and Supply Officers in the Air Force. ROTC detachments from Colleges and Universities all over the West are represented at the student officer encampment. Wallace F. Steinhilber is attending the training session with the group from Utah State Agricultural College.  
On completion of the camp the Cadets will return to their various campuses for another year of classroom instruction after which they will receive Reserve Commissions as Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force.

**Bandit Duo Knocks - Over Night Spot**

Two gun-wielding bandits held up the Hi-Ho Pool Hall cafe Sunday night, and escaped with at least \$300 taken from the cash register and from wallets and purses of four patrons. The night spot is located at 1778 Carson street.

According to owner Robert J. Morrison's statement to Torrance police, the gunmen entered his establishment through the front door and informed guests that "this is a holdup."  
After removing an estimated \$80 in cash from the nitery's till, the intruders took the wallets of three men and ordered one victim's wife to hand over her purse. Heavy loser was William Webb of 1021 Cravens avenue, who told police his wallet had contained \$108.  
Other victims were Joe Webb, 1910 Plaza Del Amo, whose wallet containing \$2 was taken, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Elliott, 1670 Cravens avenue, who were relieved of their wallet and purse, respectively. Neither could estimate the cash loss.

After looting the pool hall and bar, the duo backed into their car and drove east on Carson street, police reports indicated.  
One bandit was described by patrons as being six feet tall and weighing a meager 110 pounds. Witnesses said he appeared tubercular, and about 25 years old. The other yegg was a 30-year-old, five-foot, nine-inch, 135-pound redhead.

**Death Claims Hospital Staff Member**

Friends and associates of Dr. Ralph W. Schaeffer, of 531 Esplanade Redondo Beach, were saddened by the news of his death, which occurred yesterday following an illness of many months.

The prominent physician and surgeon, whose greatest honor came with the conferring of a Fellowship in the International College of Surgeons, was a staff member of Torrance Memorial Hospital, and had worked closely with Torrance surgeons for more than 25 years.  
He is survived by his widow Mrs. Arline Schaeffer of the home address; and a daughter Betty Burrard.

Funeral arrangements are being directed by Niland's Chapel of the Flowers. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Methodist Church, Redondo.  
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**Rites Tomorrow For Longtime Resident**

Services for Edmond Mueller, 73 of 2220 Gramercy avenue, will be conducted in Stone and Myers Chapel at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Rev. Lee R. Miller, Rector of the Redondo Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery.  
A native of St. Joseph, Mo., Mr. Mueller had made his home in Torrance for 31 years. He was formerly employed with National Supply Company.  
Survivors are his widow, Mathilda, of the home address; two sisters, Bertha Bailey and Emma Gilmore, and a brother Charles Mueller, all of St. Joseph.

**PARENTS VISIT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Davis of Detroit, who have been visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Alter, 2024 Cabrillo avenue, left Monday for their home.

**Letters To The Editor**

Los Angeles, Calif., July 29, 1949

Editor Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:  
Just recently having closed a struggle to have reduced (which terminated in an appeal to the States Board of Equalization) an assessment on property located in your city that I termed unjust, you can easily picture my feelings when I read your edition of July 28, 1949. The 1948 tax on the mentioned property which I purchased in 1948 equaled an amount of \$32.40 per \$1000 invested or an actual 3 1/4% of investment.

It has always been my feeling when I paid my Real Estate taxes that I was making an investment in the community in which the tax was levied and might I add I was just a little proud of the fact that as a citizen of the United States I was able to do this as my part in helping to build up and maintain this great country of ours.  
In view of the difficulties that arise from the increase in valuations of property and the ever increasing of tax free state-owned property it is apparent that some means must be made to protect this tax investment for the people.

I wish to thank Mr. Haggard for his step forward in this direction and hope that you have other business men in your city of the same caliber who will come forward and back him in his effort.  
Sincerely yours,  
NELLY PATE

Torrance, Calif., August 2, 1949

Honorable Members of the City Council  
Torrance, Calif.  
Gentlemen:  
Other City departments work five days each week. Our Police Department is requesting a five-day week also.  
It is your responsibility to see that this request is granted, so that we can stay in line with other like communities.

For 20 years the citizens of Torrance have wanted an indoor plunge. An indoor plunge would take the Youth off the streets and keep them in our own town.  
Our Youth Canteen is open one night each week and even with its limited facilities draws a capacity crowd of youngsters. It does not tax the imagination to readily see that we need more recreation facilities both for young and old. An indoor plunge would help solve this problem.

Where are our children when the Canteen is closed six nights each week? Are they home? Are they loitering on the streets, or are they in some strange community looking for a thrill to overcome their boredom?  
Gentlemen, we must not shirk this problem. It is our God-given responsibility to give the people of our community the recreational facilities they need.  
Let's build an indoor plunge NOW!

CHARLEY GOTTS  
1625 Cabrillo Ave.  
Torrance, Calif.

Dear Jack:  
I was born July 6th '49 Torrance Memorial Hospital. I was taken home Sunday and all Mommy's friends came and said what a cute little BOY! I didn't get it until I saw the Torrance Herald and noticed you folks had me listed as a little boy in the "Storkstories." My daddy says everyone reads your column, please put your readers right and tell them I'm a little GIRL!  
Diane Lynn Zuver

My Darling Diane:  
With such a nice compliment from your daddy like that and a letter from one so young, how could I refuse? Jack

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, WIFE BACK HOME**

Earl W. Eckert, principal of the new Seaside Ranchos School, and Mrs. Eckert, returned Friday to their home at 3427 Torrance boulevard, following five weeks vacation.  
Their itinerary included Washington and Oregon. Continuing to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, they visited relatives of his family. En route home they enjoyed the beauties of Glacier National Park, Portland, Ore., and other points of interest.

Editor Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:  
In your edition of July 28th, you published a list of thirteen suggestions which the citizen follow in aiding the fly abatement campaign in the removal of breeding and feeding places around the home. Throughout your excellent recommendations the matter of fly-tight garbage cans appeared several times. Public health officers tell us that all garbage cans should have fly-tight lids and thus prevent the entrance of flies for breeding or feeding purposes.

In the city of Torrance, and almost everywhere else for that matter, it is almost impossible to maintain a fly tight garbage can with the type of treatment they receive from the garbage collectors. The edges of the can are bent and mutilated to the extent where the lid will no longer fit. In addition the lids themselves are often lost or crushed and thus it becomes worthless. Next time you drive down an alley try to find a garbage can that is not misshapen. The bending of the can also serves to break the protective galvanized coating and cause rusting and eventual leaking.

I realize that the garbage collectors must work fast to keep up with the truck. I also realize that a certain amount of banging is necessary to dislodge the contents. I feel that if the collectors were impressed with the importance of proper handling of the cans, much of the carelessness would stop.  
Would it be possible to install on each truck a padded bar, possibly of rubber, running parallel to and about a foot in from the side of the truck for the express purpose of giving the collector some place to bang the can with a minimum of mutilation?  
If every home had a good garbage can in good condition, the fly problem would be greatly reduced.

Yours truly  
Mrs. E. W. Clark  
1419 Beech Ave.  
Torrance.

Editor Torrance Herald  
1619 Gramercy Ave.  
Torrance, California  
Dear Sir:

The Optimist Club of Torrance wishes its words of thanks to echo far and wide for the splendid cooperation the Torrance Herald extended to bring about the overwhelming success of the second annual Optimist Boys' Benefit Donkey Baseball Game.  
When the dust settled and the boots and spurs were hung in the "dressing room," we found some consolation overshadowing our defeat by the Pomona Optimist Gauchos. From the standpoint of the box office, the game had been a rousing success. The game drew an overflow crowd which, no less, registered the largest night attendance in the history of the Torrance Ball Park.

Again, accept our thanks for playing an all important position on the team to make the youth of today the optimistic young men of the future.  
Yours in boys work  
V. T. LOVELADY, Sec'y,  
Torrance Optimist Club

Torrance Herald  
Torrance, Calif.  
Dear Mr. Editor:

Having read Mr. Bob L. Haggard in your paper today:  
"Boy, that councilman 'is-got-something'."  
I am in favor of any councilman, who is in favor of a tax-out.

In such critical times, it does not make sense to raise taxes. So many people unemployed, and business off, if anything, taxes should be lowered, to encourage buying and spending. Anyway, people haven't got it. "The honeymoon of spending is over."

Between business, and politicians, they made a good job of killing business.  
The richest country in the world, to get in such a mess. No need for it!  
These politicians are going to keep it up, until the government will step in. No men, or group of men, should be allowed to get so powerful, where the public is involved.  
Anyway, I would rather be run by the government than fifty-million politicians.  
Sincerely,  
FRANCIS JAMES

**Blood Bank Pays Dividend for Local Brothers**

Blood on Credit, a mother near death in need of blood, and two sons more than 700 miles away last week-end told the story of the Blood Bank in true life drama.

The mother, Mrs. A. Booth, a former Torrance resident, seriously ill in a Tucson, Ariz., hospital for many months, was to undergo major surgery early last Saturday morning. Friday, doctors wired her two sons, Clarence Booth of 1818 West 25th street, and Cecil Deatherage of 1433 West 219th street, both Columbia Steel employees here; that their mother must have 11 pints of blood.

The men took the problem to John Hanks, manager of the Columbia Steel Hospitalization Plan and head of the community-wide drive to bank blood with the Red Cross. Hanks made a special Friday evening phone call to the Red Cross headquarters in Los Angeles, who, in turn, wired the Tucson chapter to see that Mrs. Booth received the blood. The Tucson chapter supplied the requested blood, and three additional pints needed following the operation.

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